



AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 2872
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: OPTICAL MICROSCOPE APPARATUS USING CONVERGENT BEAM AS
ILLUMINATION LIGHT

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 11, 2003, please amend the above
identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification is changed as follows:

On page 36, please replace the 2nd full paragraph, with the following:

B,
The condenser lens 2 is movable in the direction of optical axis 7 against the position of
the stage 5. By the condenser lens 2 moved in the direction of the optical axis 7, the distance
between the sample 6 mounted on the stage 5 and the converging point 4, i.e., the distance
between the sample 6 and the diffraction image plane 8, can be changed. In one embodiment, a

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